

Table 45. Wage and salary workers paid hourly rates with earnings at or below the prevailing Federal minimum wage by occupation and industry

(Numbers in thousands)

Occupation and industry	2001				
	Workers paid hourly rates				
	Total	Below prevailing Federal minimum wage	At prevailing Federal minimum wage	Total at or below prevailing Federal minimum wage	
				Number	Percent of hourly-paid workers
OCCUPATION					
Managerial and professional specialty	10,527	43	21	64	.6
Executive, administrative, and managerial	4,459	12	4	16	.4
Professional specialty	6,068	32	16	48	.8
Technical, sales, and administrative support	22,944	188	193	381	1.7
Technicians and related support	2,888	9	7	16	.5
Sales occupations	7,481	109	122	231	3.1
Administrative support, including clerical	12,575	70	64	134	1.1
Service occupations	13,673	1,182	282	1,464	10.7
Private household	359	60	5	65	18.1
Protective service	1,620	14	7	21	1.3
Service, except private household and protective	11,695	1,108	270	1,378	11.8
Food service workers	5,563	946	162	1,108	19.9
Health service workers	2,250	37	25	62	2.8
Cleaning and building service workers	2,427	48	42	90	3.7
Personal service workers	1,454	77	40	117	8.1
Precision production, craft, and repair	9,820	40	15	55	.6
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	14,211	117	103	220	1.5
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	5,867	33	17	50	.8
Transportation and material moving occupations	3,658	30	25	56	1.5
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	4,686	54	61	115	2.5
Farming, forestry, and fishing	1,309	31	23	54	4.1
INDUSTRY					
Private wage and salary workers	63,520	1,528	572	2,100	3.3
Agriculture	1,107	26	18	44	4.0
Nonagricultural industries	62,413	1,501	555	2,056	3.3
Mining	317	—	—	1	.2
Construction	5,066	18	10	28	.6
Manufacturing	12,006	49	35	84	.7
Durable goods	7,384	18	13	31	.4
Nondurable goods	4,623	31	21	52	1.1
Transportation and public utilities	4,211	26	6	32	.8
Transportation	2,618	17	4	21	.8
Communications and other public utilities	1,593	9	1	11	.7
Wholesale and retail trade	17,941	1,031	326	1,356	7.6
Wholesale trade	2,250	7	9	16	.7
Retail trade	15,691	1,023	317	1,340	8.5
Eating and drinking places	5,384	894	184	1,077	20.0
Finance, insurance, and real estate	2,988	11	12	23	.8
Services	19,883	366	166	532	2.7
Private households	421	62	8	70	16.6
Other service industries	19,462	304	158	462	2.4
Personal services, except private households	1,848	71	30	101	5.5
Entertainment and recreation services	1,288	61	26	87	6.8
Government workers	8,966	74	64	138	1.5
Federal	1,823	8	9	17	.9
State	2,391	25	20	45	1.9
Local	4,752	41	35	76	1.6

NOTE: The prevailing Federal minimum wage was \$5.15 per hour in 2001. Data are for wage and salary workers, excluding the incorporated self-employed. They refer to a person's earnings on their sole or principal job, and pertain only to workers who are paid hourly rates. Salaried workers and other nonhourly workers are not included. The presence of workers with hourly earnings below the minimum wage does not

necessarily indicate violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act, as there are exceptions to the minimum wage provisions of the law. In addition, some survey respondents might have rounded hourly earnings to the nearest dollar, and, as a result, reported hourly earnings below the minimum wage even though they earned the minimum wage or higher.